

Human Services Council Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2011
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MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
Kevin H. Bell, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Richard Gonzalez	<i>Present</i>
Colonel Marion Barnwell	<i>Present</i>	Carol Ann Hawn	<i>Present</i>
Richard P. Berger	<i>Present</i>	Myra Herbert	<i>Present</i>
Dr. Jennifer Anne Bishop	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Excused</i>
Wendy Breseman	<i>Present</i>	Stephanie Mensh	<i>Excused</i>
John R. Byers	<i>Present</i>	Kathleen Murphy	<i>Excused</i>
Robert L. Faherty	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Virginia P. Norton	<i>Excused</i>
Donna J. Fleming, Vice Chair	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald V. Poje	<i>Present</i>
Baba Freeman	<i>Excused</i>	Herbert James Smith	<i>Not Present</i>
Robert Gaudian	<i>Present</i>	Henry Wulf	<i>Present</i>
<u>Staff:</u>			
Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
M. Gail Ledford, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Brenda Gardiner, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>
Ronald McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and Other Attendees: Nannette Bowler; George Braunstein; Lynne Crammer; Jesse Ellis; Christopher Leonard; and Tania Hossain and Cherie Tripp Lejeune, representing the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations.

7:32 PM

Call to Order

Kevin Bell, Chair of the Human Services Council, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

7:35 – 8:15 PM

Presentation on Presentation on Project Impact (information/discussion)

Patti Stevens, Director, Office of Public-Private Partnerships, provided the Council with an overview of the County's work on promoting individual and corporate volunteering and giving. Three initiatives are underway, including the following:

Employee IMPACT – Fairfax County's CSR initiative -A survey of employees has been conducted, and an employee planning team established. The committee has developed tools to assist staff with identifying ways to personally contribute time and resources through a "Ways to Give List" and suggestions for use of County Volunteer Leave.

Chamber Community Connections C3 -The Fairfax area Chambers of Commerce, Volunteer Fairfax, Leadership Fairfax and the United Way partnered to identify ways to bring businesses and community together to support nonprofit volunteerism. The coalition recently sponsored a Young

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Professionals Mixer with Celebrate Fairfax. See <http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org/enews/enews711.html> for an overview of the activity. An October *Community Give and Get Involved Campaign* is planned.

Nonprofit Portal

Tools are being researched to create a collaborative “community portal” for civic engagement, volunteering and resource sharing. A committee comprised of community leaders, county staff, and university partners have researched a variety of peer jurisdiction community engagement campaigns and technology tools. Sources of additional information for the Council members’ review include:

- Brevard County FL: Connect Brevard <http://nccsweb.urban.org/communityplatform/brevard>
- Connecticut: Nonprofit Strategy Platform: <http://nccsweb.urban.org/communityplatform/ct>
- Minnesota: Give MN <http://givemn.razoo.com>
- Alexandria VA: <http://www.actionaalexandria.org>

A video presentation was shown to Council members on the value of community work on volunteering.

8:15 – 8:00 PM Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC)
Priority setting for 2012-2013 (information – packet handout)

Becky Offutt, Business Manager for Contracts and Procurement in the Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS), presented the adopted Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) priorities for 2012-2013. The priorities and funding target ranges proposed by the CCFAC and adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2011 include:

1. Prevention (10-20% funding target range)
2. Crisis Intervention (15%-25%)
3. Self-Sufficiency (45%-55%)
4. Long Term Supportive Services (10%-20%)

Stephanie Mensch represents the HSC on the CCFAC and commented in favor of the proposed allocations.

Human Services Council Planning (action)

The Executive Committee proposed a process for stakeholder feedback on the Council’s ongoing planning and role/mission discussions. Members reviewed proposed questions for the Board of Supervisors, Human Services Directors and a subset of Board, Authorities and Commission members as key stakeholders in HSC goals and purpose.

After discussion, the Council members agreed to the following tasks:

1. Individual Council members will establish meetings with their respective appointing authority on the Board of Supervisors.
2. The group agreed to provide brief written summaries of meeting results. A guide of common information being sought of the Board members on the Council’s role, purpose, and the needs for the future will be provided to council members.

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3. Council members were encouraged to meet jointly with their respective magisterial district representative and the Board member as schedules allowed. Chairman Bell requested members complete their respective meetings by Labor Day.
4. Council members agreed to be prepared to discuss information at the September meeting.
5. Council members agreed to complete their individual responses to their own feedback survey no later than close of Business Wednesday, July 27, 2011. Staff will provide a summary report of findings to the full Council by Friday July 29th.
6. Staff will submit 2 new electronic surveys of revised survey questions to chairpersons of the identified key Boards, Authorities and Commissions appointed by the BOS, as well as to Human Services department directors. The goal will be to receive and compile all collected information by the September 19th Council meeting.
7. Staff will confirm the availability of Supervisor Hudgins, Chair of the Human Services Committee, and Chairman Bulova, with tentative dates including the possibility of August 8th, 15th, or September 19th.

Brenda Gardiner, Policy and Information Manager, DAHS, provided a chart outlining comparison information on other jurisdictions with citizen oversight/advisory bodies in human services. (See packet handout). Staff will provide periodic updates to the information and members were encouraged to provide any information that they obtain in the course of their planning work.

8:55 – 9:05 PM

Approval of June 20, 2011 meeting minutes (action -packet handout)

Minutes of the June Human Services Council were approved by unanimous vote of those present.

Other Business

Education and Outreach Committee – the Council discussed the proposal for creation of an Education and Outreach committee to begin work on communications strategies. Mr. Berger and Mr. Gaudian were proposed for membership.

Agenda Planning

Proposal for August 15 or August 22, 2011 meeting- polling of membership regarding availability for meeting invitation with Chairman Bulova and Human Services Committee Chair Supervisor Hudgins – role of HSC discussion

September 19, 2011 – tentative agenda: Presentation from Nancy Vehrs, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors (7 p.m. – roles and responsibilities of members of Boards, Authorities, Commissions); State legislative studies and themes for January 2012 General Assembly impacting health and human services; nonprofit capacity building project update

October 17, 2011 - TBA

Adjournment: The Human Services Council meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.